

REMARKS

Prior to a first Office Action in this application, Applicants request that original claims 1, 14, 25, 27, 36, 37, 39, 52, and 54 be amended and new claims 55-78 be added. These amendments and new claims do not involve any new matter or objectionable changes. When the Examiner takes this application up for action, he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

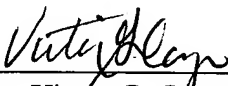
It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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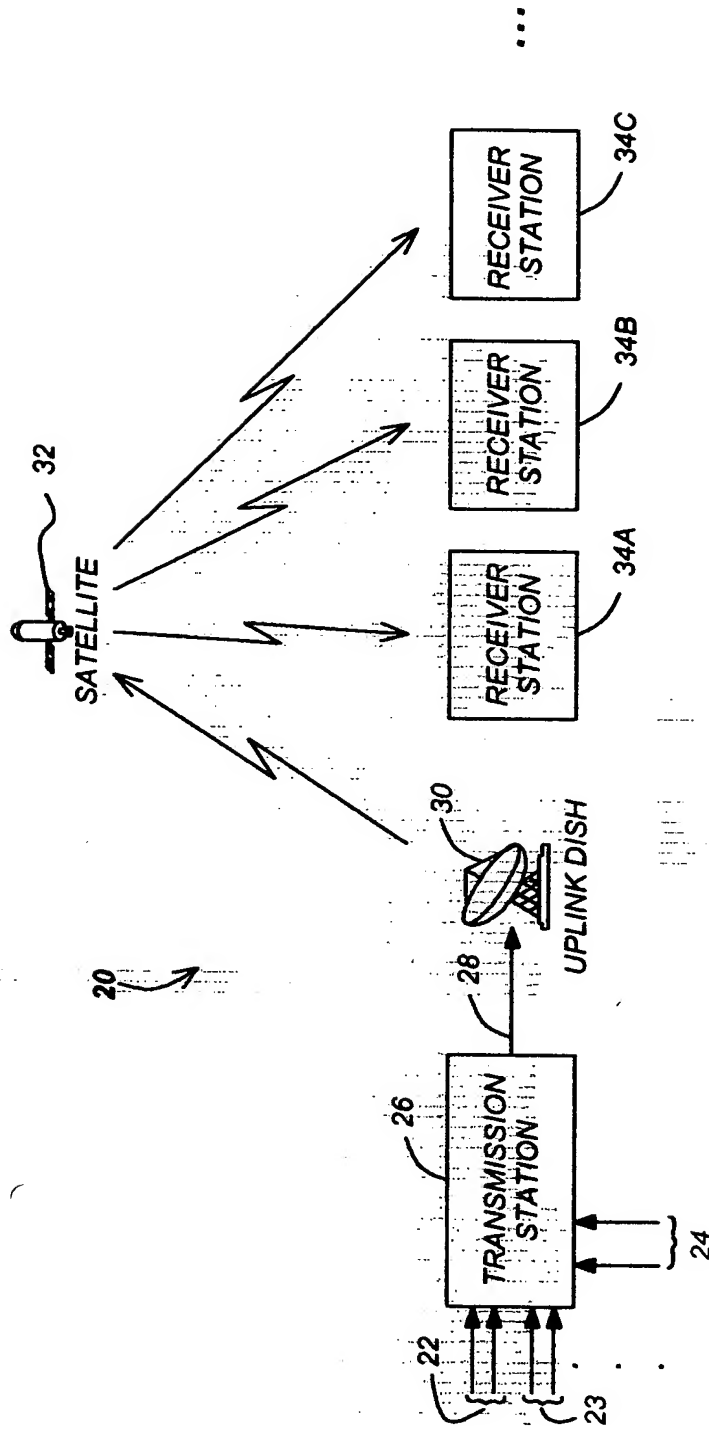


FIG. 1

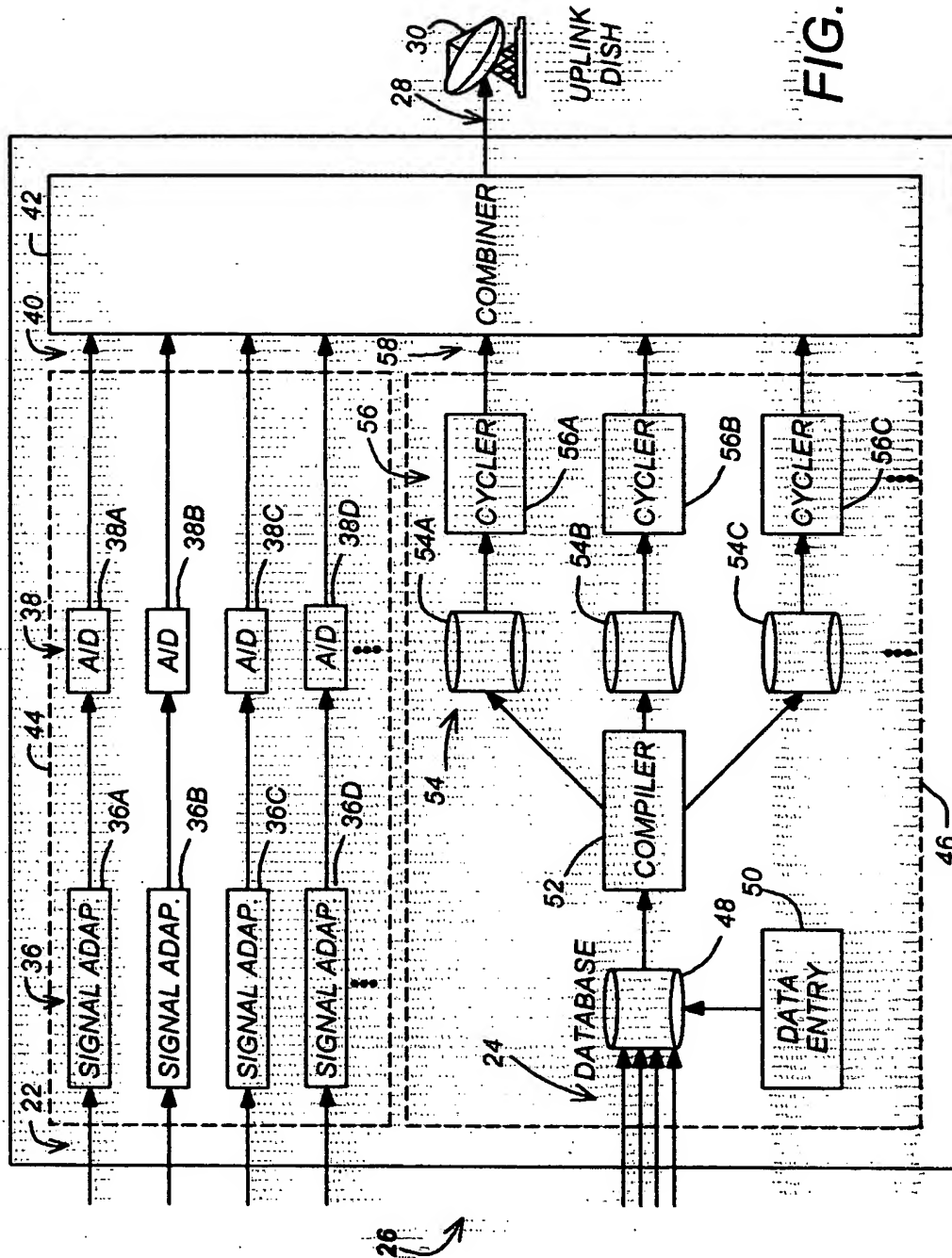


FIG. 2

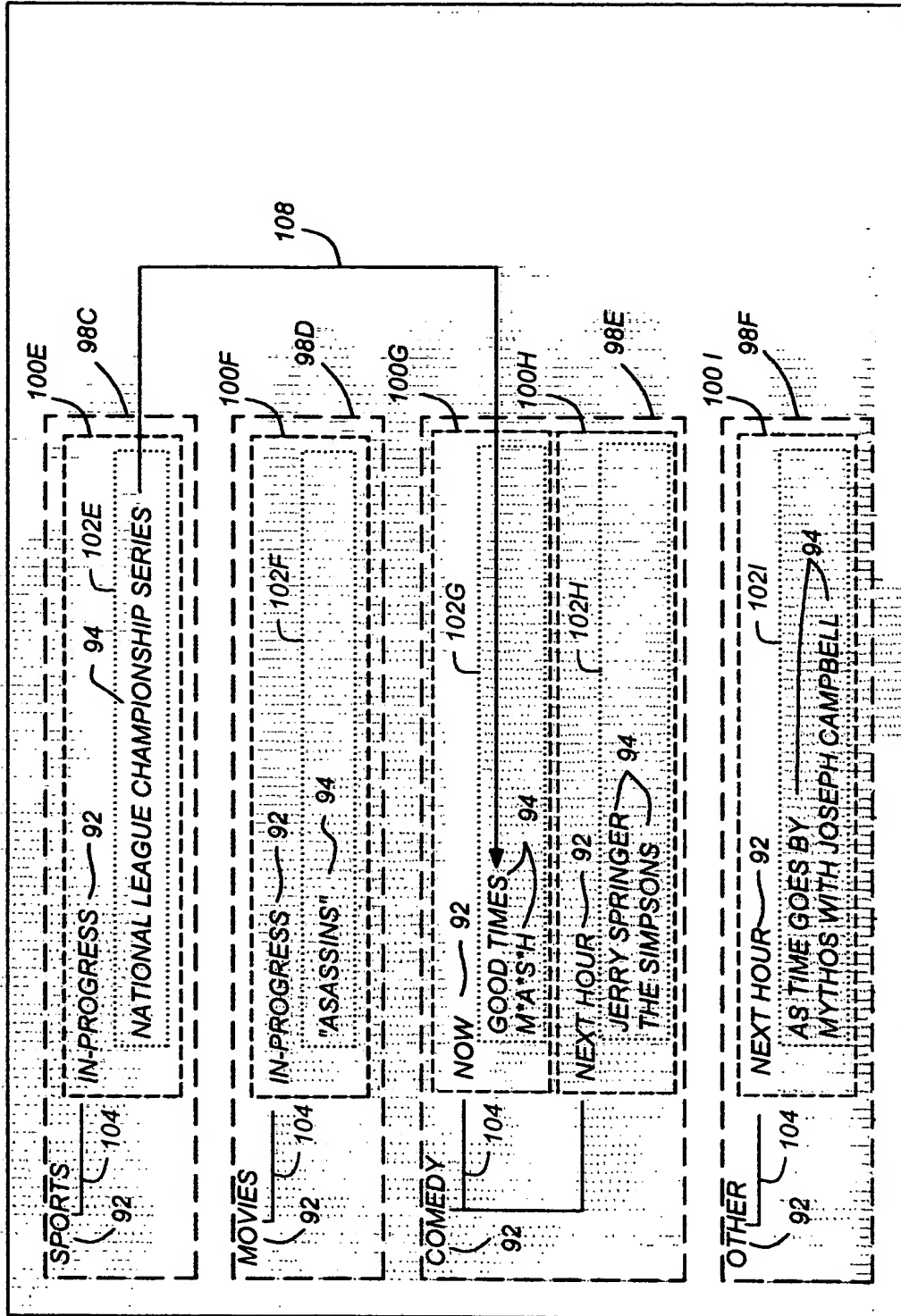


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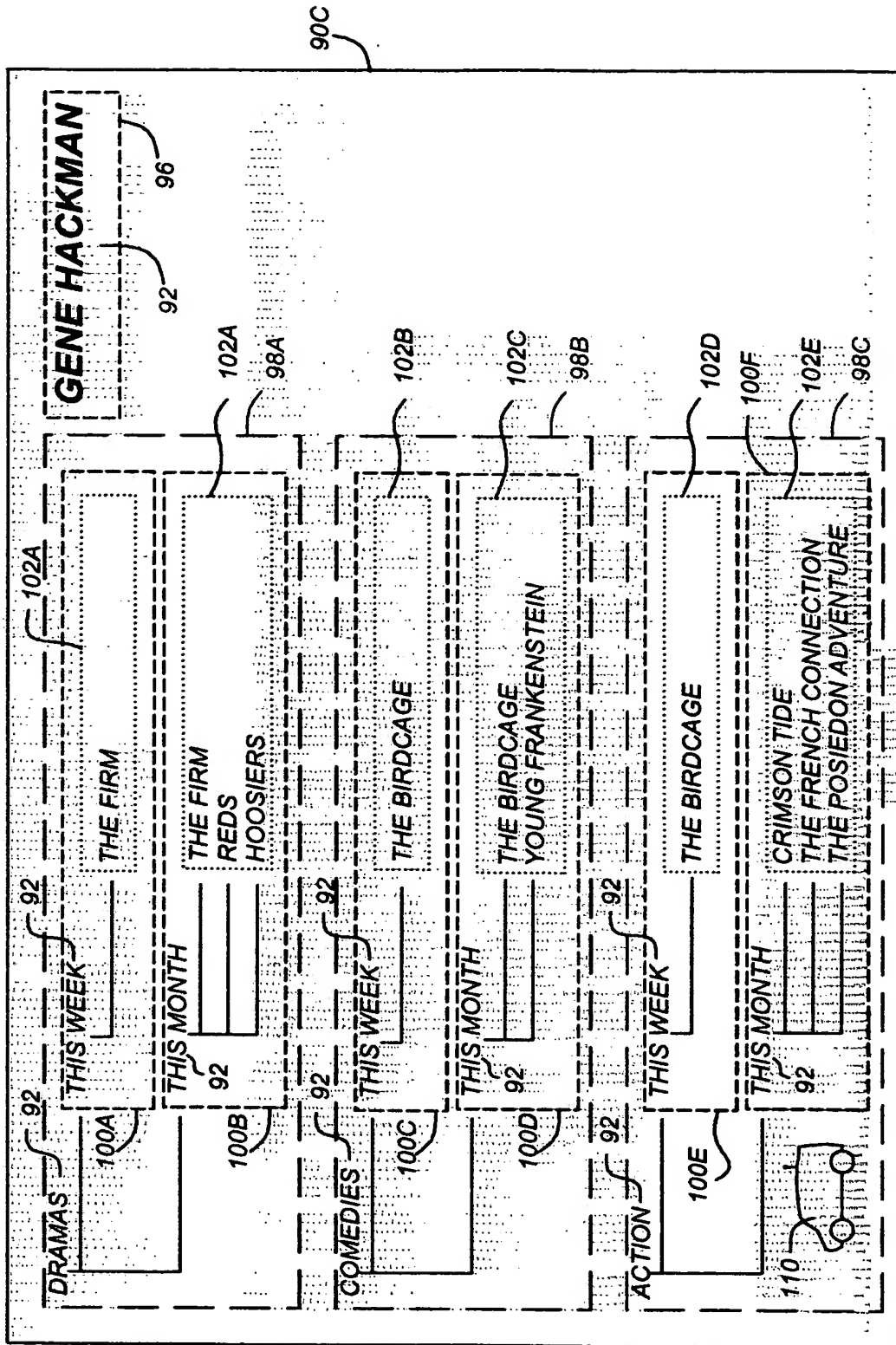


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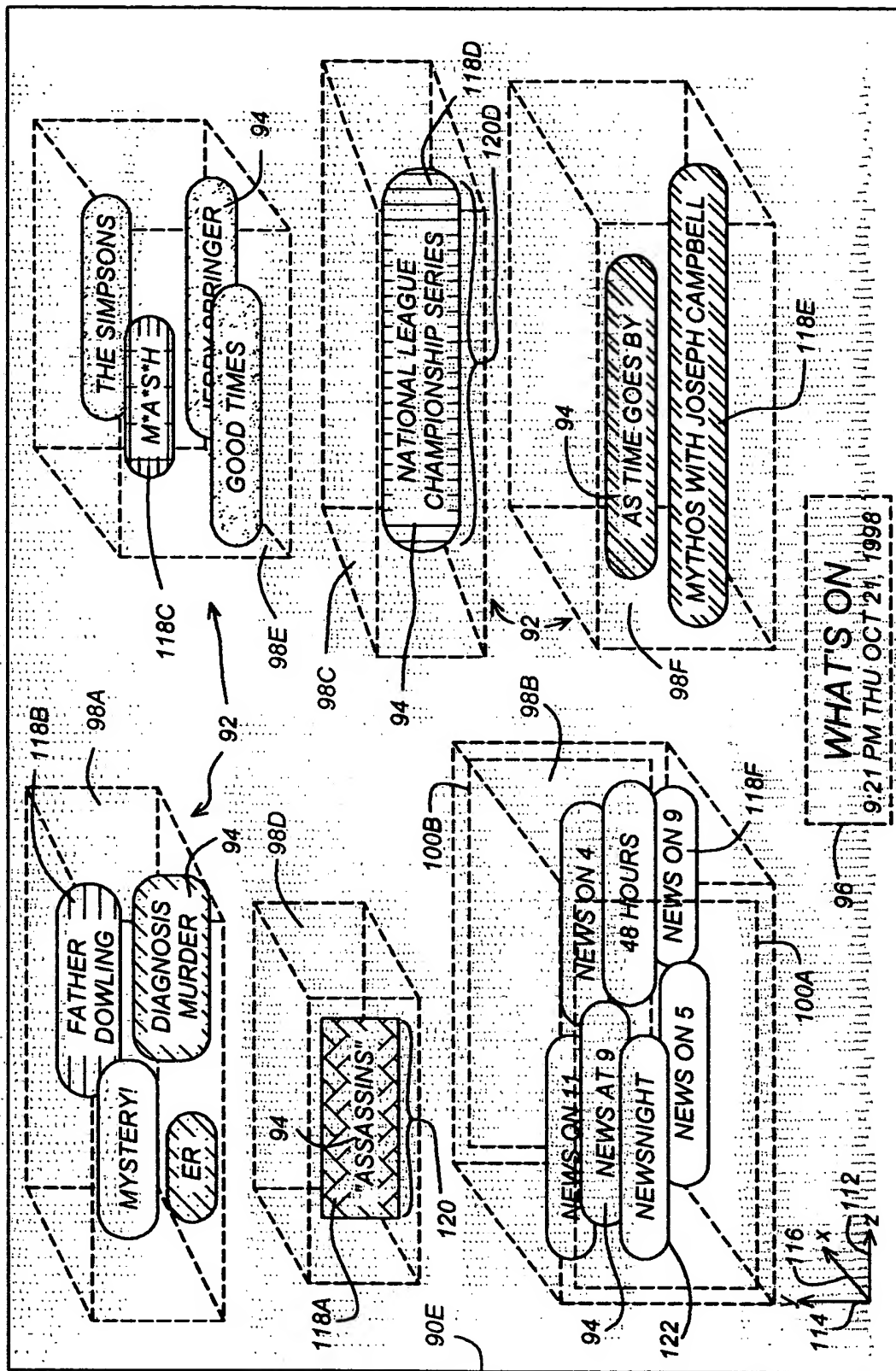


FIG. 8A

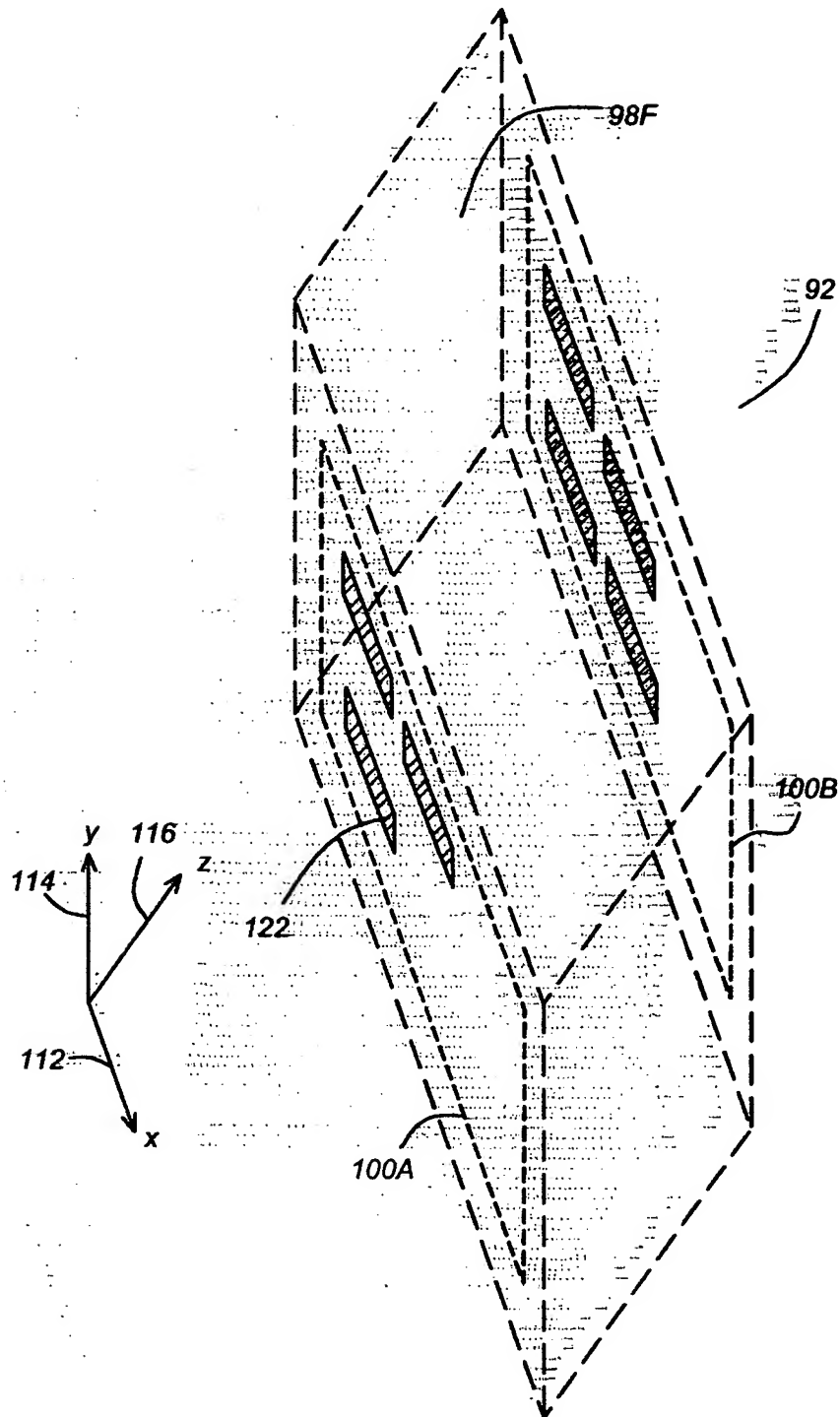


FIG. 8B

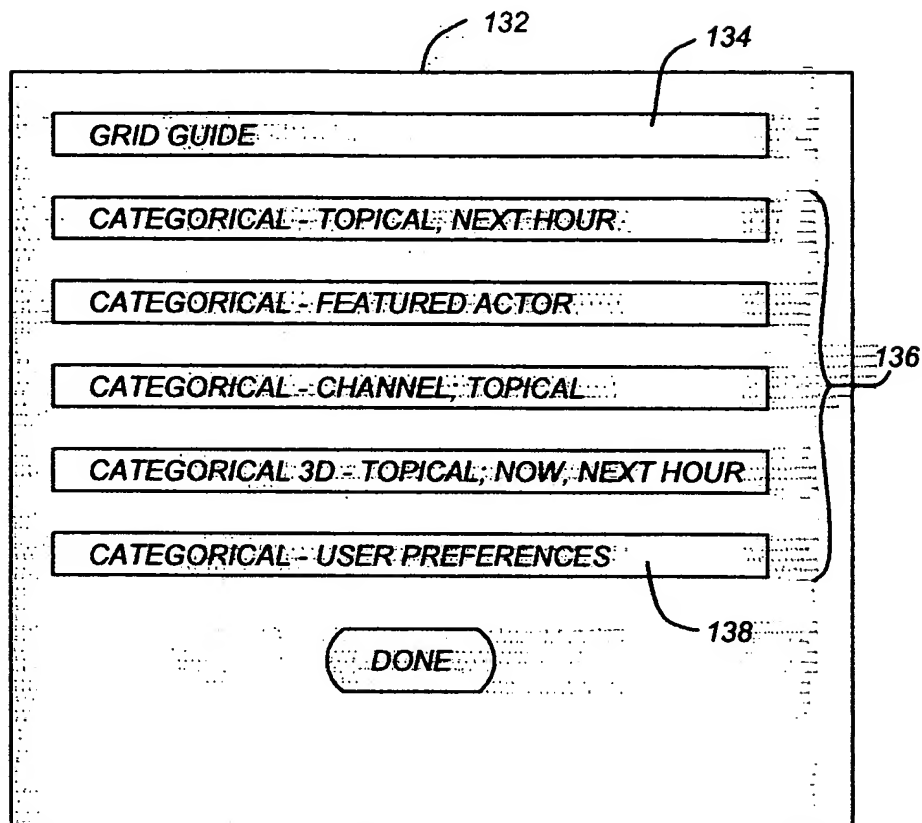


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